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Dear Project Coordinator:

As the Food Distribution Program Consultant for the State of Georgia in the Georgia Department of Education, I am very disturbed by the manner in which BPR began and has developed. I deal on a daily basis with food service personnel in school systems and schools all over the State of Georgia. The "problems" identified in the first section of USDA's Proposal for Change do not seem to be problems at all in this state or if a school does experience trouble, it must not be to the extent that it is in other states; otherwise, why would this massive shift in program operation be necessary?

In my daily dealings with schools and systems, I have not been able to find any system which was surveyed by USDA, ASFSA, or ACDA to determine their opinions, satisfaction, or dissatisfaction with the program. There also appears to be an absence of a survey or study in other states with which I have talked.

In turning to the 16 proposed changes, the following information is shared given the limited amount of information contained in each proposed change on which to base comments at this point. Some changes (such as number 1 {unless implementation creates a storage problem} 2, 5 if implemented correctly, 8, 9, 10, 11, and the part of 15 about truckload restriction relaxing) would appear to correct the "problems" that are identified in the proposal. Commercial labeling and substitution of product are absolutely NOT supported. Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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